

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for determining one or more recipients of a generic-recipient message and for dispatch of the message within a digital communication network, the method comprising:

receiving a generic-recipient message at a network hub, wherein the generic-recipient message is sent to a group or community;

determining predefined attributes of the message;

determining one or more recipients for the message based upon the predefined attributes; and

dispatching the message to one or more recipients.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein receiving a generic-recipient message at a network hub further comprises receiving a generic-recipient message, chosen from the group of messages consisting of a Short Message Service (SMS) message, a Multimedia Message Service (MMS) message, electronic mail (email) message and voice message.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein receiving a generic-recipient message at a network hub further comprises receiving a message at a wireless network hub.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein determining predefined attributes of the message further comprises determining predefined attributes chosen from the group of attributes consisting of type of message, sender of the message, subject of the message and content of the message.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein determining one or more recipients for the message based upon the predefined attributes further comprises correlating the predefined attributes of the message with stored information related to potential recipients.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein dispatching the message to one or more recipients further comprises assigning recipient Radio Frequency (RF) identifiers to the message.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein dispatching the message to one or more recipients further comprises displaying the message on a display.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7, wherein displaying the message on a display further comprises displaying the message on a display associated with a radio frequency (RF) identifier.

9. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein dispatching the message to one or more recipients further comprises transmitting the message to one or more recipients via a communication medium chosen from the group of communication medium consisting of short-range wireless communication, Internet communication, SMS communication, and MMS communication.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for prioritizing a generic-recipient message at a network hub, the method comprising:

receiving a generic-recipient message at a network hub, wherein the generic-recipient message is sent to a group or community;

determining predefined attributes of the message;

determining whether the message has priority based on the predefined attributes;

and

prioritizing the message if a determination is made that the message has priority.

11. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein determining whether the message has priority based on the predefined attributes further comprises determining whether the message has display priority based on the predefined attributes.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 11, wherein prioritizing the message if a determination is made that the message has priority further comprises prioritizing the display of the message if a determination is made that the message has display priority.

13. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 12, wherein prioritizing the display of the message if a determination is made that the message has display priority further comprises the step of displaying the message in a prominent position on a display associated with the hub.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein determining whether the message has priority based on the predefined attributes further comprises determining whether the message has dispatch priority based on the predefined attributes.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein prioritizing the message if a determination is made that the message has priority further comprises prioritizing the dispatch of the message if a determination is made that the message has dispatch priority.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 15, wherein prioritizing the dispatch of the message if a determination is made that the message has dispatch priority further comprises prioritizing the communication medium used to dispatch the message if a determination is made that the message has communication medium dispatch priority.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 15, wherein prioritizing the dispatch of the message if a determination is made that the message has dispatch priority further comprises prioritizing the time of dispatch of the message if a determination is made that the message has time dispatch priority.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein receiving a generic-recipient message at a network hub further comprises receiving a generic-

recipient message, chosen from the group of messages consisting of a Short Message Service (SMS) message, a Multimedia Message Service (MMS) message, electronic mail (email) message and voice message.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein receiving a generic-recipient message at a network hub further comprises receiving a generic-recipient message at a wireless network hub.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein determining predefined attributes of the group-addresses message further comprises determining predefined attributes chosen from the group of attributes consisting of type of message, sender of the message, subject of the message and content of the message.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein determining whether the message has priority based on the predefined attributes further comprises correlating the predefined attributes of the message with stored information related to message priority.

22. (Currently Amended) A device having a processing unit configured to: receive a generic-recipient message from one or more communication networks,  
wherein the generic-recipient message is sent to a group or community;  
determine predefined attributes of the generic-recipient message;  
compare the predefined attributes to pre-stored information related to one or more potential recipients to determine one or more recipients.

23. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 22, wherein the processing unit is further configured for dispatching the messages to one or more determined recipients via lower power Radio Frequency (RF).

24. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 22, wherein the processing unit is further configured to dispatch the message to one or more determined recipients

via a digital cellular network.

25. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 22, wherein the processing unit is further configured to dispatch the message to one or more determined recipients via a communication network.

26. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 25, wherein the communication network is chosen from the group consisting of the Internet, a Short Message Service (SMS) network, a Multimedia Message Service (MMS) network and a telephony network.

27. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 22, further comprising a display associated with the device that displays a message associated with a message identifier.

28. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 27, wherein the message identifier is further defined as a Radio Frequency (RF) identifier.

29. (Currently Amended) A device comprising a processing unit configured to:  
receive generic-recipient messages from one or more communication networks,  
wherein the generic-recipient message is sent to a group or community; and  
determine predefined attributes of received generic-recipient messages; and  
compare the predefined attributes to pre-stored priority information to determine if the received message requires prioritization.

30. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 29, wherein the processing unit is further configured to determine predefined attributes of received generic-recipient messages and compare the predefined attributes to pre-stored display priority information to determine if the received messages require display prioritization.

31. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 30, further comprising a display associated with the device that displays message identifiers to one or more recipients.

32. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 30, wherein the processor is further configured to provide for display prioritization to be chosen from the group consisting of displaying prioritized messages first in a list of messages, displaying prioritized messages in a new viewable window and displaying prioritized messages in a highlighted form.

33. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 29, wherein the processor is further configured to determine predefined attributes of received generic-recipient messages and compare the predefined attributes to pre-stored dispatch priority information to determine if the received messages require dispatch prioritization.

34. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 33, wherein the processor is further configured to provide for dispatch prioritization to be chosen from the group consisting of prioritizing the time at which messages will be dispatched, prioritizing the communication medium used to dispatch messages and prioritizing the recipients of the dispatched messages.

35. (Previously Presented) The network hub device of Claim 29, wherein the processor is further configured to determine predefined attributes of the received generic-recipient messages, the predefined attributes chosen from the group consisting of a sender of the message, a type of the message, a subject of the message and the content of the message.

36. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for automatically determining one or more recipients of a generic-recipient message, wherein the generic-recipient message is sent to a group or community, and dispatching the message to the one or more recipients within a digital communication network, the computer program

product comprising a computer readable storage medium having computer-readable program instructions embodied in the medium, the computer-readable program instructions comprising:

first instructions for storing information related to potential message recipients;  
second instructions for receiving a generic-recipient message at a network hub and determining predefined attributes associated with the generic-recipient message; and  
third instructions for determining one or more recipients of the generic-recipient message by comparing the predefined attributes associated with the generic-recipient message to the stored information related to potential message recipients.

37. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 36, wherein the computer-readable program instructions further comprise fourth instructions for dispatching the message to the one or more determined recipients.

38. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 36, wherein the second instructions for receiving a generic-recipient message at a network hub and determining predefined attributes associated with the generic-recipient message further comprises second instructions for receiving a generic-recipient message, chosen from the group of messages consisting of a Short Message Service (SMS) message, a Multimedia Message Service (MMS) message, electronic mail (email) message and voice message.

39. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 36, wherein the second instructions for receiving a generic-recipient message at a network hub and determining predefined attributes associated with the generic-recipient message further comprises second instructions for receiving a generic-recipient message at a wireless network hub.

40. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 36, wherein the second instructions for receiving a generic-recipient message at a network hub and determining predefined attributes associated with the generic-recipient message further comprises second instructions for determining predefined attributes associated with the

generic-recipient message chosen from the group of attributes consisting of type of message, sender of the message, subject of the message and content of the message.

41. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 37, wherein the fourth instruction for dispatching the message to one or more recipients further comprises assigning recipient Radio Frequency (RF) identifiers to the message.

42. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 37, wherein the fourth instructions for dispatching the message to one or more recipients further comprises displaying the message on a display associated with the network hub.

43. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 42, wherein the fourth instructions for displaying the message on a display associated with the network hub further comprises fourth instructions for displaying the message, which is associated with a Radio Frequency (RF) identifier, on a display associated with the network hub.

44. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 37, wherein the step of dispatching the message to one or more recipients further comprises transmitting the message to one or more recipients via a communication medium chosen from the group of communication medium consisting of short-range wireless communication, Internet communication, SMS communication, and MMS communication.

45. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for prioritizing generic-recipient messages at a network hub, the computer program product comprising a computer readable storage medium having computer-readable program instructions embodied in the medium, the computer-readable program instructions comprising:

first instructions for storing information related to message priority;

second instructions for receiving a generic-recipient message at a network hub and determining predefined attributes associated with the generic-recipient message, wherein the generic-recipient message is sent to a group or community; and

third instructions for determining whether the generic-recipient message has



priority by comparing the predefined attributes associated with the generic-recipient message to the stored information related to message priority.

46. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 45, wherein the first instructions for storing information related to message priority further comprises first instructions for storing information related to message display priority and the third instructions for determining whether the generic-recipient message has priority further comprises third instructions for determining whether the generic-recipient message has display priority by comparing the predefined attributes associated with the generic-recipient message to the stored information related to message display priority.

47. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 45, wherein the first instructions for storing information related to message priority further comprises first instructions for storing information related to message dispatch priority and the third instructions for determining whether the message has priority further comprises third instructions for determining whether the message has dispatch priority by comparing the predefined attributes associated with the messages to the stored information related to message dispatch priority.

48. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 45, wherein the second instructions for receiving a generic-recipient message at a network hub and determining predefined attributes associated with the message further comprises second instructions for receiving a generic-recipient message, chosen from the group of messages consisting of a Short Message Service (SMS) message, a Multimedia Message Service (MMS) message, electronic mail (email) message and voice message.

49. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 45, wherein the second instructions for receiving a generic-recipient message at a network hub and determining predefined attributes associated with the message further comprises second instructions for receiving a generic-recipient message at a wireless network hub.

50. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 45, wherein the second instructions for receiving a generic-recipient message at a network hub and determining predefined attributes associated with the message further comprises second instructions for determining predefined attributes associated with the message chosen from the group of attributes consisting of type of message, sender of the message, subject of the message and content of the message.